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Serial No. 09/596,629)
Filing Date: June 19, 2000)
Confirmation No. 4379)
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
DISTRIBUTING AN INVENTION)
DISCLOSER OVER AN INTRANET)

APPELLANTS' SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL APPEAL BRIEF

MS Appeal Brief-Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed March 11, 2008, submitted herewith is Appellants' Second Supplemental Appeal Brief to correct the noted informalities. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 01-0484.

(1) Real Party in Interest

The real party in interest is Lockheed Martin Corporation, assignee of the present application as recorded at reel 011399, frame 0054.

(2) Related Appeals and Interferences

At present there are no related appeals or interferences.

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(3) Status of the Claims

Claims 1-9, 11-19, 21-28, 30-39, 41-49, 51-58, 60-68 and 70 are rejected in the application, all of which are being appealed herein.

(4) Status of the Amendments

All amendments have been entered and there are no further pending amendments. A copy of the claims involved in this appeal is attached hereto as Appendix A.

(5) Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter

The present invention, as recited in independent Claim 1, for example, is directed to a method for distributing an invention disclosure over an intranet 10. See page 7, line 3 through page 8, line 29 and FIG. 1 (reproduced below), as well as page 8, line 30 through page 11, line 22 and FIG. 2 (reproduced below). The method comprises accessing an invention disclosure template form (via display portion 50 in FIG. 3 as reproduced below) over the intranet 10, and creating an invention disclosure (via display portion 52 in FIG. 4 as reproduced below) using the invention disclosure template form (page 12, lines 10-24 and FIG. 5 as reproduced below). The invention disclosure is created by an inventor and includes information about an invention (page 12, line 25 through page 13, line 10).

The method further comprises selecting an option in the invention disclosure template form to include an attachment with the invention disclosure (via display portion 52 in FIG. 4, and page 14, lines 14-24 and as illustrated in FIG. 16 as reproduced below). A file is attached to the invention disclosure without the use of a hyperlink. The file is created by the inventor

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separate from the invention disclosure and includes information about the invention that is not included in the disclosure.

The invention disclosure is submitted along with the attached file over the intranet 10 to at least one evaluator via e-mail with a hyperlink to the invention disclosure. Evaluation comments on the invention disclosure and the attached file are transmitted by the at least one evaluator via e-mail (page 14, line 32 through page 15, line 10).

The present invention advantageously allows separately created files to be attached to the invention disclosure. As what typically happens with inventors, an inventor creates a file on their invention prior to creating and submitting an invention disclosure. The invention disclosure template form includes a provision to include these files as attachments. Without this provision, the additional information in the files would have to be retyped, or as a minimum, cut and pasted into the invention disclosure - both of which are labor intensive and time consuming as well as not being user friendly.

Independent Claim 12 is directed to a method for distributing an invention disclosure over an intranet 10. See page 7, line 3 through page 8, line 29 and FIG. 1, as well as page 8, line 30 through page 11, line 22 and FIG. 2. The intranet 10 has a plurality of users enrolled therein with each user having associated personnel information stored within the intranet. The method comprises the steps of accessing an invention disclosure template form (via display portion 50 in FIG. 3) over the intranet, and creating an invention disclosure using the invention disclosure template form (via display portion 52 in FIG. 4). The invention disclosure is created by an inventor and includes information about an invention.

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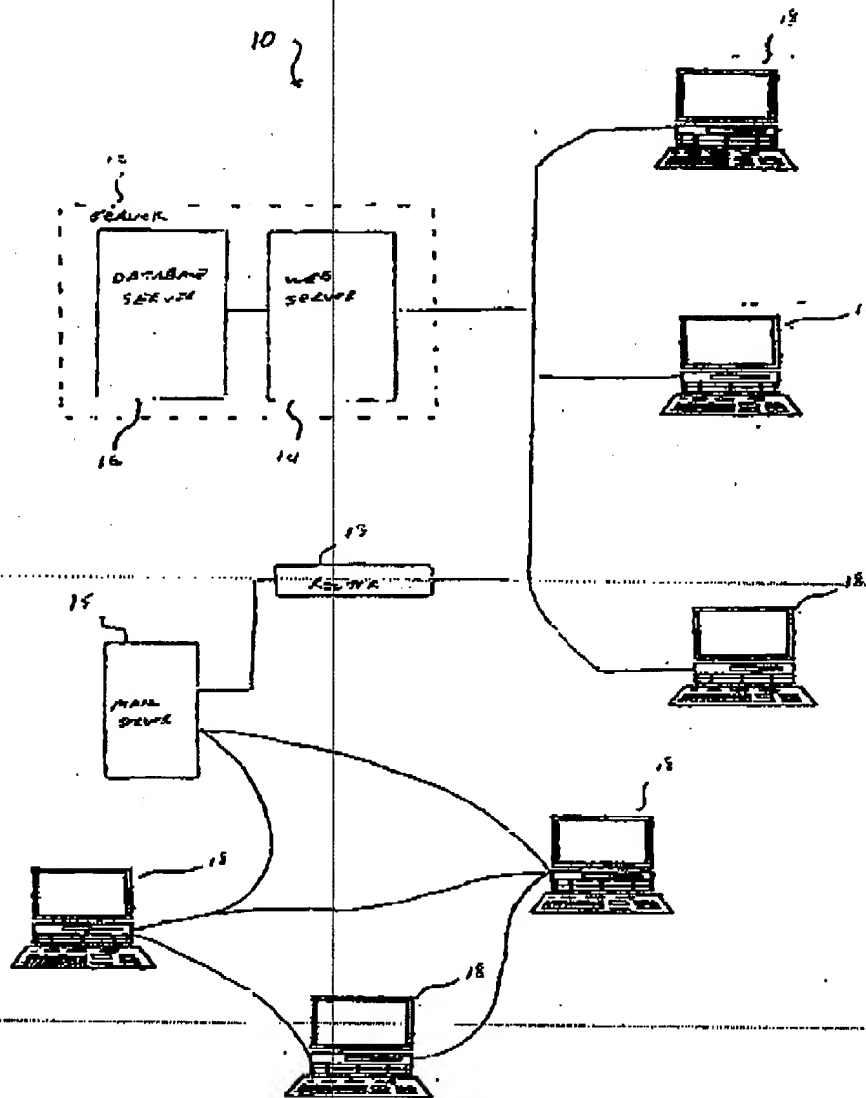


FIG. 1 of the present application

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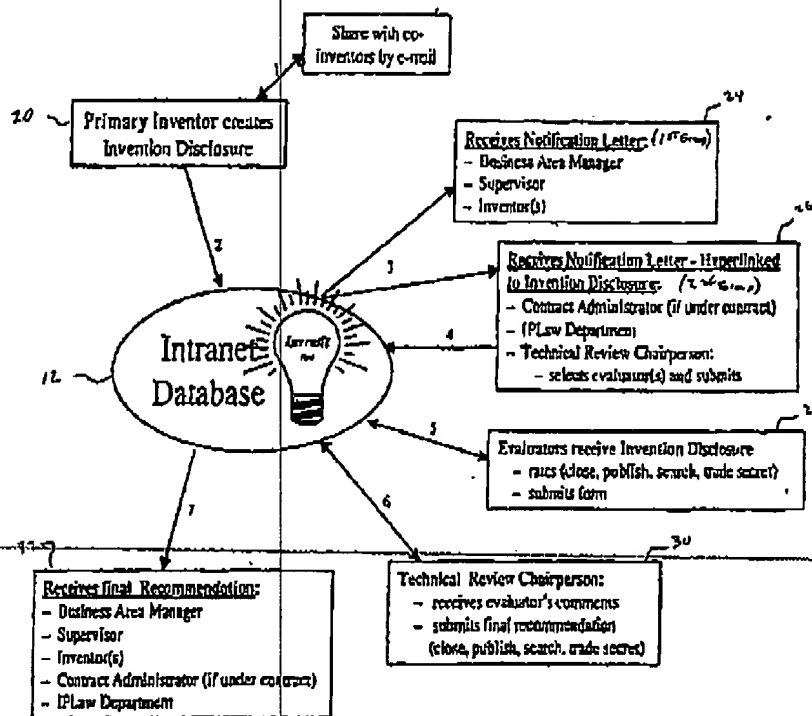


FIG. 2 of the present application

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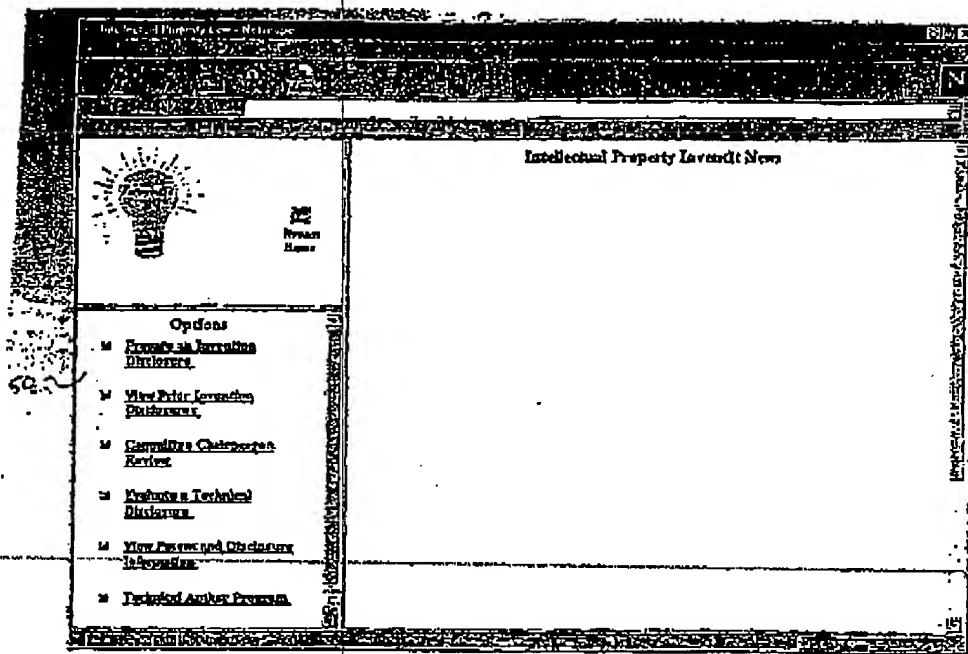


FIG. 3 of the present application

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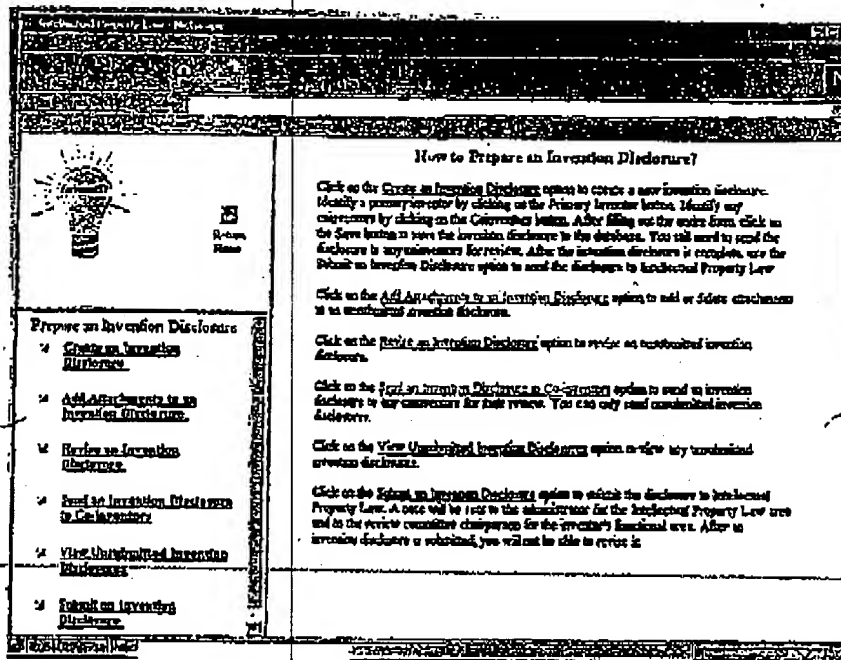


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FIG. 5 of the present application

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